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FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

TO: LARRY EAGLEBURGER

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WASHINGTON STAR-NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1973

BY OSWALD JOHNSON - STAR NEWS STAFF WRITER

--MORE INTELLIGENCE CHANGES CONSIDERED--

IN ANOTHER PHASE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S DRASTIC SHAKE-UP OF THE INTELLIGENCE ESTABLISHMENT, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER IS GIVING SERIOUS THOUGHT TO ABOLISHING THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SMALL BUT INFLUENTIAL BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH.

KISSINGER REVEALED THIS INTENTION LAST MONTH DURING A CLOSED-DOOR CONFIRMATION HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO INFORMED INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, KISSINGER HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO BYPASS HIS IN-HOUSE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU AND HAS BEEN GIVING THE CIA ASSIGNMENTS THAT THE BUREAU NORMALLY WOULD HANDLE.

KISSINGER'S DISCLOSURE OF HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, KNOWN IN THE DEPARTMENT AS INR, CAME DURING A HEARING SEPT. 17 THAT OTHERWISE CONCENTRATED ON HIS ROLE IN INITIATING WIRETAPS ON 13 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING KISSINGER AIDES, AND FOUR NEWSMEN.

THE TRANSCRIPT, A DECLASSIFIED VERSION OF WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE TODAY, SHOWS KISSINGER MUSING OUT LOUD ON WHETHER INR SHOULD BE ABOLISHED OUTRIGHT OR MERGED WITH EXISTING GEOGRAPHICAL

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BUREAUS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT,

"FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN OF THE INTELLIGENCE PRODUCT OF THE SATE DEPARTMENT, THE PRESENT FUNCTION IS NOT SATISFACTORY," KISSINGER TOLD THE SENATORS.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE HELD A SIMILAR OPINION OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED UNDER A 23-YEAR-OLD SYSTEM BY THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES, AN ELITE GROUP WITHIN THE CIA.

EARLY LAST SUMMER, IN ONE OF HIS FIRST OFFICIAL DECISIONS, NEWLY INSTALLED CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM E. COLBY ORDERED THE ABOLITION OF THE 10-MAN BAOAD, AND, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS, FORCED ITS DIRECTOR, JOHN W. HUIZENGA, INTO RETIREMENT.

THE CHIEF OF THE 335-MAN INR BUREAU AT STATE, RAY S. CLINE, IS A VETERAN OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES. HE COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT ON KISSINGER'S REMARKS IN THE TRANSCRIPT.

OTHER SOURCES IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ABOLITION OF THE BUREAU, IF IT TAKES PLACE, WOULD MARK ANOTHER BREACH IN THE WALL BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS AND THE OPERATIVES WHOSE JOB IT IS TO CARRY OUT POLICIES WHICH ARE SUPPOSEDLY BASED ON "CLEAN" AND UNBIASAD ESTIMATES.

IN OTHER SECTIONS OF TRANSCRIPT OF THE CLOSED HEARINGS ON KISSINGER'S NOMINATION, THESE POINTS EMERGED: A CONFIDENTIAL FBI REPORT ON THE 1969-71 WIRETAPPING, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED IN FULL EVEN TO THE COMMITTEE, SHOWS THAT KISSINGER AND THE CURRENT WHITE HOUSE CHIEF-OF-STAFF, ALEXANDER M. HAIG, THEN AN ARMY COLONEL ON KISSINGER'S NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF, PERSONALLY REQUESTED THREE SPECIFIC TARGETS FOR THE TAPS, BUT ATTY, GEN. ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON, WHO ALSO TESTIFIED IN THE CLOSED SESSION, INSISTED THAT THIS OVERSTATED KISSINGER'S ROLE. HE EMPHASIZES THAT KISSINGER DID NOT "ORIGINATE" THE TAPS, KISSINGER HIMSELF INSISTED THAT THE IDEA ORIGINATED WITH THEN-FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER AND FORMER ATTY, GEN. JOHN N. MITCHELL AND THAT THE TAPS WERE ORDERED INSTALLED BY PRESIDENT NIXON. AT KISSINGER'S REQUEST, 49 CONSECUTIVE PAGES DEALING WITH THE WIRETAP ISSUE WERE DELETED FROM THE TRANSCRIPT.

A TOP-LEVEL WHITE HOUSE CRISIS TEAM, THE SO-CALLED WASHINGTON SPECIAL ACTION GROUP, WAS CONVENED AS SOON AS NEWS OF LAST MONTH'S COUP IN CHILE WAS RECEIVED HERE, BUT ACCORDING TO KISSINGER, THE GROUP DECIDED TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE WHATSOEVER OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT AND PASSED THE WORD SO FORCEFULLY THAT "EVERYONE WAS AFRAID EVEN TO EXPRESS SORROW" AT THE DEATH OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT SALVADORE ALLENDE, REPORTEDLY A SUICIDE THE DAY OF THE COUP. THIS OVERSIGHT WAS CORRECTED THE NEXT DAY, BUT NOT BEFORE IT BROUGHT THE ADMINISTRATION A WORLDWIDE BAD PRESS. WSAG DECISIONS, KISSINGER STRESSED, ARE PERSONALLY APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

KISSINGER DEFENDED THE DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES DEVISED FOR

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NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICY AS "MUCH MORE SYSTEMATIC THAN THOSE OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON," BUT HE PROMISED SOON TO BRING THE STATE DEPARTMENT INTO POLICY MAKING IN A MAJOR WAY BY REINVIGORATING ITS POLICY PLANNING STAFF AND THOROUGHLY SHAKING UP THE HIGHER ECHELONS. "SOME RATHER DRASTIC MOVES WILL BE MADE TO BRING YOUNGER MEN INTO KEY POSITIONS MORE RAPIDLY," KISSINGER TOLD THE COMMITTEE.

THE ONE REORGANIZATION HE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL, HOWEVER, CONCERNED THE INR AND ITS PROBABLE ABOLITION.  
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